GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF POWER
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a)Whether private electricity distribution companies have been mainly responsible for shortage of power during the last two years owing to which there have been protests by the people ;

(b) If so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) The action taken against the private companies in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF POWER(SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (c) : There is overall shortage of power in the country which varies from state to state and month to month. Energy and peaking shortages in the country for the period April 2006 − October, 2006 were 8.0% and 12.2% respectively.

Under Section 86 of the Electricity Act, 2003 State Regulatory Commissions are required to specify and enforce standards with respect to quality, continuity and reliability of service by licensees.